

World Cup

MsCA Sports Analytics

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Overview

Models will be built to focus on the following tasks:

- Expected goals: all passes that end in a shot
- Expected possession: all possession for a team
- Pass map

Data

All the data for the three models exists in `data/events/19714.json`. 19714 represents one game. The events folder has events for all games. There are corresponding `matches` and `lineups` data sets that tie back to the events. We will focus primarily on `events` for now

```
events_json <- fromJSON("data/events/19714.json", simplifyVector = FALSE)
```

Parse `events_json` to extract relevant data for `expected goals` model.

```
replace_na_empty <- function(x) {  
  map_if(x, is.null, ~ NA)  
}  
  
event_id <- map_chr(events_json, ~ .x$id)  
  
type_id <- map_int(events_json, ~ .x$type$id)  
  
type_name <- map_chr(events_json, ~ .x$type$name)  
  
timestamp <- map_chr(events_json, ~ .x$timestamp)  
  
possession_team_name <- map_chr(events_json, ~ .x$possession_team$name)  
  
team_name <- map_chr(events_json, ~ .x$team$name)  
  
pass_length <- map(events_json, ~ .x$pass$length) %>%  
  replace_na_empty() %>% unlist()  
  
pass_height <- map(events_json, ~ .x$pass$height$name) %>%  
  replace_na_empty() %>% unlist()  
  
pass_angle <- map(events_json, ~ .x$pass$angle) %>%  
  replace_na_empty() %>% unlist()  
  
duration <- map(events_json, ~ .x$duration) %>%  
  replace_na_empty() %>% unlist()
```

```

play_pattern_name <- map_chr(events_json, ~ .x$play_pattern$name)

goalkeeper_type_name <- map(events_json, ~ .x$goalkeeper$type$name) %>%
  replace_na_empty() %>% unlist()

goalkeeper_outcome_name <- map(events_json, ~ .x$goalkeeper$outcome$name) %>%
  replace_na_empty() %>% unlist()

events_df <- data.frame(
  event_id,
  type_id,
  type_name,
  timestamp,
  duration,
  team_name,
  possession_team_name,
  play_pattern_name,
  pass_length,
  pass_height,
  pass_angle,
  goalkeeper_type_name,
  goalkeeper_outcome_name
) %>%
  ## Used to identify sequences; max `FALSE` value is the start of a sequence
  mutate(lead_possessor = possession_team_name == lead(possession_team_name)) %>%
  as_tibble()

```

Check index of all shots and then look back to see what lead to a shot.

```

(shot_indexes <- which(str_detect(events_df$type_name, "Shot")))

## [1] 58 198 233 640 649 741 787 1073 1150 1173 1281 1300 1424 1529
## [15] 1685 1739 1831 1856 1862 1883 1908 1988 2075 2088 2153 2166 2169 2174
## [29] 2445 2642 2716

```

Pass sequences are defined as uninterrupted possession leading to a shot.

```

sequence_indexes <- vector("list", length(shot_indexes))

for (i in seq_along(shot_indexes)) {
  start_index <- ifelse(i == 1, 1, shot_indexes[i - 1] + 2)
  sequence_indexes[[i]] <- seq(start_index, shot_indexes[i] + 1, 1)
}

shots_split <- map(sequence_indexes, ~ events_df %>% slice(min(.x):max(.x)))

start_sequence <- map_int(shots_split, function(x) {
  x <- x %>% filter(!str_detect(type_name, "Goal"))
  if (sum(which(!x$lead_possessor)) >= 1) {
    max(which(!x$lead_possessor))
  } else {
    min(x$lead_possessor)
  }
})

```

```

pass_sequences <-
  map2(shots_split, start_sequence, ~ .x %>% slice(.y:nrow(.x))) %>%
  map2(., 1:length(shots_split), ~ mutate(.x, pass_sequence_label = .y)) %>%
  bind_rows() %>%
  mutate(
    pass_sequence_label = factor(pass_sequence_label),
    type_name = ifelse(type_name == "Goal Keeper", goalkeeper_type_name, type_name)
  ) %>%
  group_by(pass_sequence_label) %>%
  # Need to account for shots that were block by someone
  # other than the goal keeper when identifying outcome of shot
  mutate(goal = ifelse(
    str_detect(
      goalkeeper_outcome_name,
      "Goal Conceded|Penalty Conceded|No Touch|Touched In"
    ), "goal conceded", "saved"
  ))

pass_sequences %>%
  select(pass_sequence_label, type_name, goalkeeper_outcome_name, goal) %>%
  mutate_at(vars(goal), ~ ifelse(is.na(.x), "saved", .x)) %>%
  distinct(pass_sequence_label, goal)

```

```

## # A tibble: 31 x 2
## # Groups:   pass_sequence_label [31]
##   pass_sequence_label goal
##   <fct>                <chr>
## 1 1                      saved
## 2 2                      saved
## 3 3                      saved
## 4 4                      saved
## 5 5                      saved
## 6 6                      saved
## 7 7                      saved
## 8 8                      saved
## 9 9                      saved
## 10 10                   saved
## # ... with 21 more rows

```

```

pass_sequences %>%
  group_by(pass_sequence_label) %>%
  slice(1:6) %>%
  select(pass_sequence_label, everything())

```

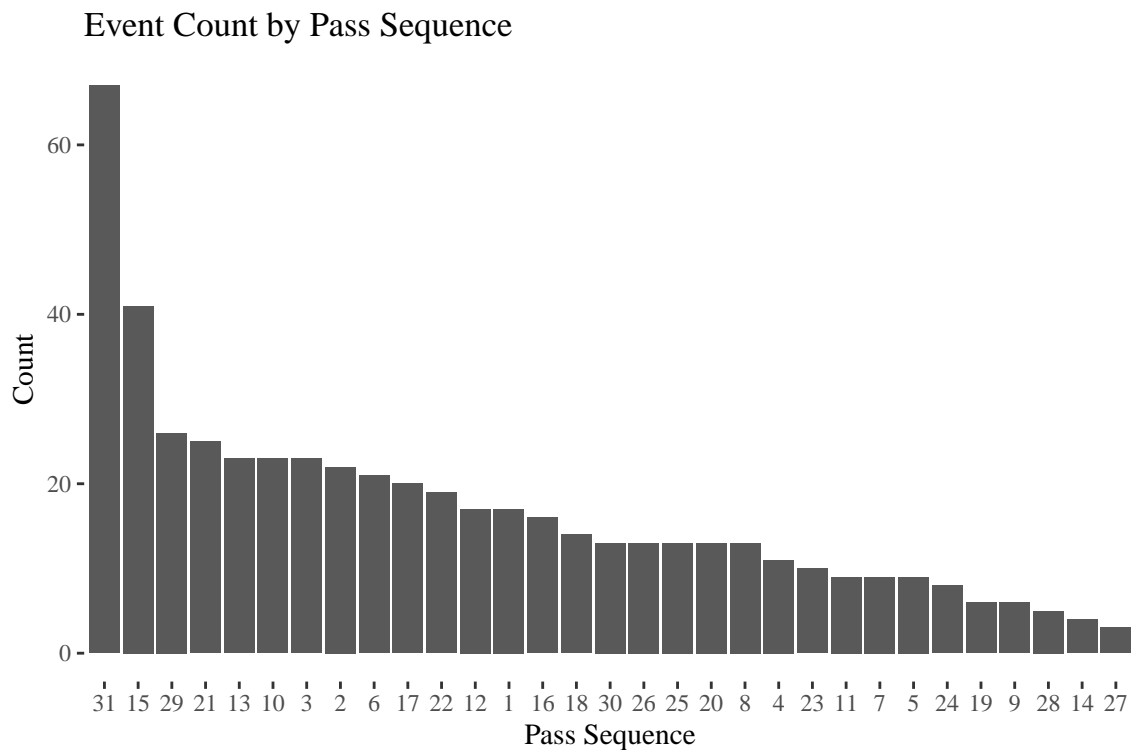
```

## # A tibble: 180 x 16
## # Groups:   pass_sequence_label [31]
##   pass_sequence_l~ event_id type_id type_name timestamp duration team_name
##   <fct>          <chr>    <int> <chr>    <chr>        <dbl> <chr>
## 1 1              26973b6~      9 Clearance 00:00:45~      0 Manchest~
## 2 1              eb189dd~      2 Ball Rec~ 00:00:47~      0 Manchest~
## 3 1              2dc12a7~     39 Dribbled~ 00:00:47~      0 Chelsea ~
## 4 1              5fcba4e~     14 Dribble   00:00:47~      0 Manchest~
## 5 1              9a305bf~     17 Pressure 00:00:48~    0.409 Chelsea ~
## 6 1              8828286~     30 Pass      00:00:49~    0.395 Manchest~

```

```
## 7 2          ae2c5e0~      42 Ball Rec~ 00:04:24~  NA    Manchest~
## 8 2          f1e6140~      10 Intercep~ 00:04:24~   0    Chelsea ~
## 9 2          f1d3bc5~      17 Pressure  00:04:27~  0.229 Manchest~
## 10 2         355302d~      30 Pass      00:04:27~  1.16  Chelsea ~
## # ... with 170 more rows, and 9 more variables:
## #   possession_team_name <chr>, play_pattern_name <chr>,
## #   pass_length <dbl>, pass_height <chr>, pass_angle <dbl>,
## #   goalkeeper_type_name <chr>, goalkeeper_outcome_name <chr>,
## #   lead_possessor <lgl>, goal <chr>
```

```
pass_sequences %>%
  group_by(pass_sequence_label) %>%
  count() %>%
  ggplot(aes(fct_rev(fct_reorder(pass_sequence_label, n)), n)) +
  geom_col() +
  labs(title = "Event Count by Pass Sequence",
       x = "Pass Sequence",
       y = "Count")
```



```
pass_sequences %>%
  count(pass_sequence_label, type_name) %>%
  filter(type_name == "Pass") %>%
  ggplot(aes(fct_rev(fct_reorder(pass_sequence_label, n)), n)) +
  geom_col() +
  labs(title = "Pass Count by Pass Sequence",
       x = "Pass Sequence",
       y = "Count")
```

